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Dear Josh,

I have just finished reading your wonderful papers recently sent and your letter of the 25th January. The elegant paper dedicated to Mac and to Peter really thrilled me. It brought back to me most sharply one of the most fruitful and also happiest periods of my life and reminded me how lucky I am to have had two such teachers! Please continue to use your retrospectoscope frequently and vigorously - it has produced some wonderful results!

Alas, I do not have the final version of the Ada paper, only an early draft, so I suggest you get in touch with him at his present address. For the next six months he is working at the World Health Organization in Geneva with Giorgio Torrigiani and Paul-Henri Lambert on their vaccinology programme. After that he will be for two years with D. A. Henderson at Johns Hopkins. An interesting retirement scenario to keep him going a few more years! As regards the book, I must confess the germination period has been irritatingly long - the Conference was in July 1986, and here eighteen months later, no sign yet of the book! I understand it is to be published by Academic Press and the Editor is Dr. P.M.H. Mazumdar of the Department of the History of Science of the University of Toronto.

The search is still on for our 1957 correspondence. Apparently record-keeping improved a lot after 1965 when I became Director, but I have not given up hope altogether!

Yes, indeed, we have to find a little more time together - regretfully probably not in this Bicentennial Year which has become quite ridiculous from my point of view - indeed, after 1988 I never want to hear the words "keynote speaker" again!

With warmest good wishes,

Yours as ever,


G. J. V. Nossal.